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On 22 July 1959, Subject's security file was reviewed at the Office of Security, United States Information Agency, and revealed the following information:

File contained an Office Memorandum, dated 23 May 1957, which reads as follows:

"Examination of the files of THIS AGENCY revealed the following newspaper clippings concerning Subject:

The New York Times, dated 2 February 1954, an article which quoted an unknown American source which stated that the U. S. had given asylum to the 'Soviet Diplomatic Intelligence Agent' who had disappeared from the Soviet Mission in Tokyo, Japan.

Washington Post, dated 4 February 1954, revealed that information by a trustworthy American source had stated that Subject was believed to be a Lieutenant Colonel in the MVD. Upon defecting to the United States, he reportedly was revealing secrets of a Red Spy ring in Japan to the United States intelligence agents in Okinawa.

A biographical sketch appeared in The New York Times on August 14th, 1954, which gave Subject's date of birth as 11 July 1921 in Dmitrovsk, Central Russia, his mother, a physician, died in 1946, and his father, a retired Army officer with the rank of Colonel, was last reported as living in Moscow. Subject attended Middle School and Geodasy Institute in Moscow, and was drafted into the Army in 1939. In 1943, Subject was transferred from Military Intelligence to the Secret Political Police (NKGB). Subject was sent to Japan in 1946 as a Ministry of Foreign Affairs, employee, but in reality was an espionage agent of the Ministry of State Security (MGS), and later of the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MVD).

"All of the other articles revealed in Subject's file were concerned with the defection of Subject and stated, in substance, that his testimony was responsible for the break-up of the Russian spy ring in Japan.

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"A listing of the newspaper articles in Subject's file:

New York Times, dated 4 February 1954.
New York Times, dated 5 March 1954.
Washington Post, dated March 1954.
Saturday Evening Post, dated 25 September 1954.
New York Times, dated 29 August 1954.
New York Times, dated 13 April 1954.
New York Times, dated 15 August 1954.
Washington Post, dated 23 July 1956.
New York Times, dated 1 June 1956.
Washington Post, dated 22 December 1956."

The above-quoted Office Memorandum was the report of the representative of the USIA made at THIS AGENCY on 9 May 1957.

Subject's file further revealed that the USIA completed partial National Agency Checks in the name of Subject, an applicant for the position of Purchase Order Vendor, on 23 May 1957, and 9 March 1959.

Subject's file contained no other pertinent information.

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